

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

March 11, 2009

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 2/11/09; March Department Report; Needham Unplugged Calendar; QPR Evaluation Compilation; A Conversation Evaluation Compilation; Patrick Forde Award brochure; RAY of Hope Press Release; Proposed Annual Budget; Information related to recent death of youth; Make A Statement Day Pictures; Peer Tutor Award Ceremony Flyer; and newspaper articles (9).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 2/11/09**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- QPR Update: presentations on 3/4/09 and 3/10/09 were well received; next presentation on 3/24.
- Stay at Home Group did not launch due to last minute cancellations; will attempt to re-launch in the future.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Update: February and March programs were well received; final program for this year slated for 3/25.
- Babysitter Trainings Update: Final training for this year slated for next week.
- Parent Program at Sweet Basil Restaurant Update: program for high school parents scheduled for 3/10/09.
- Upcoming Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention workshop focusing on "Grieving" on 3/20/09.
- Healthy Needham 2011 continues to meet; please contact the office for details.
- Teen Dating Violence Workshops at Needham High School; have completed 2/3 of these presentations to date.
- Books and Bridges Update: In the middle of completing another program.
- Safe Surf Program Update: Statistics and evaluations are now being compiled.
- Completed another year of Loss Workshops at Needham High School for 9th graders; well received.
- Make A Statement Day was held on 3/6/09 and was a success; pictures were distributed to members.
- We will again field a team for the NEF's Spelling Bee slated for next month.
- Planning for this summer's Project VAN is already underway.
- Discussed Award Ceremony for graduating Peer Tutors slated for 3/30/09.
- Trish Lincoln from the Needham Youth Center updated members regarding their activities.
- We were a part of Career Day at Needham High School earlier this month.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2010**

General update regarding FY 2010.

➤ **Program Focus: Recent Death of youth**

Discussed recent death of youth as well as two reported suicide attempts this past weekend. Discussion included what is planned, the role of the Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention, and the programs of the Youth Commission aimed to support the community.

➤ **Old/New Business**

(none)

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** April 15, 2009 --- Selectmen's Office

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Connie Barr, Sarah Cocuzzo, Doug Levy, Vin Springer, Ronnie Haas, Debbie Winnick
Members Absent:	Ian Campbell
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, Alex Hogan
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman